

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW JERSEY,

IN FAVOR OF

The construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific, on the plan proposed by Mr. Whitney.

MARCH 3, 1848.

Ordered to be printed.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Whereas the construction of a railroad across the continent of North America would make the United States the great highway between Europe and the populous and wealthy empires of Asia; would greatly facilitate our own intercourse with those regions; would connect and bind Oregon and the Pacific coasts to us, and would give a fresh impetus to our great agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interests:

And whereas this stupendous work can be accomplished by the public lands being constituted a fund for defraying its expense, a small part of them only being required to furnish the means, and the value of the remainder greatly enhanced thereby:

And whereas the plan of Mr. Asa Whitney, of New York, in its outlines, is, in our opinion, the only practicable scheme for the accomplishment of this great undertaking, which should be commenced as soon as practicable: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Assembly concurring,) That the legislature of New Jersey approve of Mr. Whitney's plan, as explained by himself to them, of constructing a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean from an appropriation of the public lands on its line, connecting the sale and settlement of the lands with the building of the road, making it an individual enterprise, still under the control of Congress; and we earnestly recommend its adoption, and the measure, to the early and favorable consideration and action of Congress.

2. *Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to give this measure their prompt attention and support.*

3. *Resolved, That his excellency the governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Senators and Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States.*

Passed February 8, 1848.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

I, Charles G. McChesney, secretary of state of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of concurrent resolutions passed by the legislature of this State, February 8, 1848, as taken from and compared with the original, now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand,
[L. s.] and affixed my official seal, at Trenton, in
said State, this 26th day of February, 1848.

CHARLES G. MCCHESENEY,
Secretary of State.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Trenton, N. J., February 26, 1848.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of concurrent resolutions passed by the legislature of this State, agreeably to the requirements of said resolutions.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

DAVID HAINES,
Governor of New Jersey.

WILLIAM L. DAYTON.